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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING SUMMARY YPFB PROJECTS

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SUMMARY. HEADLINED IN PRESENCIA DAILY OF NOV 26 IS FOLLOWING ARTICLE. MINISTER ENERGY AND HYDROCARBONS PRESENTED TO NATIONALECONOMIC AND PLANNING COUNCIL FOR ITS CONSIDERATION LIST OF YPFB PROJECTS INCLUDING THOSE IN EXECUTION AND OTHERS IN PLANNING STAGE. TOTAL INVESTMENT REPORTEDLY IN NEXT FIVE YEARS AMOUNTS TO US\$ 1,526,990,000. NATIONAL PREINVESTMENT INSTITUTE EXPECTED TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE IN ASSIGNING FINANCING FOR EACH FEASIBILITY STUDY AND IN OBTAINING LOANS FROM INTERNATIONAL SOURCES.

1. PIPELINES AND GAS CLEANING PLANTS: NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SANTA CRUZ TO CORUMBA ESTIMATED TO COST US\$ 300,000,000: ANOTHER PETROLEUM PIPELINE SANTA CRUZ-ARICA, US\$ 351,000,000: SIX BRANCH PETROLEUM PIPELINES AND ONE BRANCH GAS LINE IN SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT: POTOSI-SUCRE MULTIPURPOSE PETROLEUM LIQUID DERIVATIVES PIPELINE ESTIMATED TO COST US\$ 1,750,000 TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION IN 1975 OR 196: NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SUCRE-ORURO, ESTIMATED COST US\$ 12,000,000, SEE REFTEL: INCREASE CAPACITY OF SANTA CRUZ-YACUIBA PIPELINE BY INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL PUMPS: SANTA CRUZ-CORUMBA MULTIPURPOSE PETROLEUM LIQUID DERIVATIVES PIPELINE ESTIMATED TO COST US\$

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33,000,000 AND START CONSTRUCTION IN 1975 OR 1976: AND INCREASE

CAPACITY OF PRRESENT SANTA CRUZ-ARICA, CAMIRI-SANTA CRUZ, CAMIRI-YACUIBA PETROLEUM PEPELINES AND INCREASE CAPACITY OF MULTI-PURPOSE PETROLEUM LIQUID DERVIATIVES PIPELINE COCHABAMBA-ORURO-LA PAZ

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SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

2. PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS: EXPANSION OF REFINERIES IN COCHABAMBA AND SANTA CRUZ AND INSTALLATION OF LUBRICANT PLANT IN COCHABAMBA EXPECTED TO START 1975-1977. ENGINEERING AND PROCESSING STUDIES DONE BY UNIVERSAL OIL PR FOSTER WHEELER CORP: TWO

PLANTS, ONE EACH FOR PESTICIDES (FINANCED BY GOVERNMENTS OF ARGENTINA AND BOLIVIA) AND FERTILIZER-EXPLOSIVES, WITH MARKETS IN ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES SCHEDULED TO BE FINISHED RESPECTIVELY IN 1977 AND 1979: AND TWO ADDITIONAL FERTILIZER-EXPLOSIVES PLANTS, ONE INTENDED TO SUPPLY BRAZIL AND ONE ARGENTINA. END UNCLASSIFIED. BEGIN CLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENTS:

EMBASSY FEELS ABOVE PROJECTS GOOD TO HAVE ON DRAWING BOARD WITH EXCEPTION OF ANOTHER PETROLEUM PIPELINE TO ARICA. FULL CAPACITY OF PRESENT ARICA PIPELINE MAY BE INCREASED FROM ITS PRESENT 25,000 BARRELS/DAY TO 50,000 BARRELS/DAY BY ADDITION OF PUMPING STATIONS. LOCATION OF NEW SUBSTANTIAL PETROLEUM FIELDS YET TO BE DISCOVERED WILL BE PARAMOUNT IN ESTABLISHING PIPELINE LOCATIONS AND PIPE TERMINALS. FUTURE PETROLEUM DISCOVERIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF EACH DISCOVERED FIELD YET FEW YEARS AWAY. END CLASSIFIED.
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